

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

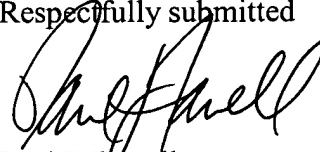
Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner withdrew the finality of the last Office Action, and has now issued a non-final Office Action.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Tummala et al.* (U.S. 6,915,345) (hereinafter *Tummala*). In response, Applicant respectfully traverses, and respectfully asserts that *Tummala* does not disclose a home agent (HA) that stores information about a virtual private network (VPN) service for the mobile node (MN), as claimed in Claims 1 and 4, contrary to the Examiner's allegation. The Examiner points to "the AAA server for the home agent", apparently to meet this claim limitation, but the AAA server (17) is separate from the HA (28) in *Tummala*. Additionally, contrary to the Examiner's allegation, it is respectfully asserted that *Tummala* does not disclose a foreign agent (FA) that transmits data to an Internet Service Provider (ISP) router of a FA network when receiving a VPN service request, as claimed in Claims 1 and 4. The Examiner cites col.8, lines 22-59 in *Tummala*, apparently to meet this limitation, but nowhere in those passages (or anywhere in *Tummala*, for that matter) is this limitation in the claims disclosed. Moreover, *Tummala* does not disclose an ISP server for IP tunneling between the ISP router of the FA and an ISP router of the VPN, as claimed in Claims 1 and 4. At best, FIG.3 in *Tummala* discloses a single VPN between foreign networks and a home network. However, it is respectfully asserted that *Tummala* fails to teach an ISP server between an ISP router of a FA network and an ISP router of a VPN. In view of at least the above, Applicant respectfully asserts that *Tummala* does not, and cannot, anticipate Claims 1-8. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection of Claims 1-8 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1 and 4 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Additionally, without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-3 and 5-8, these are likewise believed to be allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence on their respective independent claims.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-8, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted



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